

ABSTRACT

1 A method of accelerating the operation of a load balancer by an accelerator switch. The
2 method includes receiving, by the accelerator switch, packets directed to the load balancer,
3 determining, for at least some of the received packets, whether the packets match an entry of a
4 list of packet groups, by comparing fewer than five parameters of the packets to respective
5 fields of entries of the list, and forwarding, by the accelerator switch, at least some of the
6 received packets, directly to their destination, responsive to the determining.

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